

Forests With Many Wild Beasts Few Hours' Drive From New York

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It is an amazing thing, but true, that a few hours' drive by auto from the skyscrapers of New York will bring one to endless forests where bear, moose, deer, wildcats and other animals abound and it's easy to get hopelessly lost unless you know the ways of the woods. I've just had another experience of this strange transformation, having made my annual pilgrimage to the fishing grounds of Maine along the Canadian border. It's a wonderful adventure and one at which I never cease to marvel, for if you use your imagination as a magic carpet you can transport yourself back to the pioneering days of our forefathers.

This year I visited two log-cabin camps for fishing and hunting, and in both of them "homesteading" was going forward. For these camps not only serve as business enterprises but during most of the year they are the homes of their

proprietors.

One at Grand Lake "Pine Lodge" on Grand Lake, and the other was Pete Spencer's "Greenland Cove Camps" on neighboring East Grand lake. Both these men have spent their lives in Maine's forests and on her lakes and streams. There's nothing they don't know about that great outdoors.

I first met Pete years ago when he was guide in a fishing camp on Moosehead lake. He used to entertain my young son and me by shooting pebbles out of the air with a .22 calibre rifle as we threw them up. He never missed.

Pete also is adept at throwing knives and hatchets at targets, and gives exhibitions every winter at various sports shows. One stunt is to lie on his back, hold a rifle barrel between two toes of one foot while he pulls the trigger with the other foot and shoots flying disks out of the air. From this he gets

OUT OUR WAY

By J. Williams



the name "Barefoot Pete".

Wife Is Dead Shot
Pete and his wife Betty, who also is a dead shot as well as a grand cook, started from scratch in hewing their camp out of the forest on the shore of the lake. Pete himself cut and peeled the logs which he is using to erect cabins with his own hands. It is pioneering of the American colonial type in many respects, but Pete is a Jack-of-all-trades and in an amazingly short time has been able to create a camp and equip it with both necessities and comforts.

Jack Williams' "Pine Lodge" camp also is a new venture for him, although he has run fishing and hunting camps elsewhere for years. He acquired his present camp as a going concern not long ago and now is in process of making improvements. I found him and his two sturdy sons, John and Ronnie, finishing off a great stone fireplace in a handsome new cabin. The three of them cut the trees for this building last winter and hauled the logs to the camp over the ice of the lake.

Moving Spirit
A smiling and jolly Mrs. Williams, who presides over the household affairs of the camp, completes the Williams family. She is a moving spirit in this outfit of pioneers, all of whom love life

in the open. I asked the elder son, John, who is a graduate of the University of Maine, what career he intended to follow and he promptly replied that he wanted to be a guide.

"I love that more than anything else," he said fervently.

Ronnie, who is going to the University of Maine in another year, plans to be a conservationist. And I'll bet these four pioneers always stick together. They are a close and affectionate corporation—one for all and all for one.

So goes the story in Maine. These two "pioneering" families are by no means unique in that big state. And of course there are other parts of our country which boast similar areas where the city dweller can for a bit get back to the forest primeval.

This America of ours is in truth a wonderful land.

Point 4 Program Of President Has Educators' O. K.

NEW YORK — (AP) — A group of the nation's top educators, including Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower as president of Columbia university, declared here President Truman's "point four" program is indispensable in the world struggle against Communism.

But at the same time they said that applying the program of aid to underprivileged peoples will be a delicate business, and they put forward eleven suggestions for avoiding failure.

The group is the educational policies commission, an agency of the national education association and the American association administrators.

The commission said: "Aside from the organization of the peoples of the free world and the development of their economic and military strength, the first element in such a strategy should be the removal of the conditions on which Communism and other forms of totalitarianism feed."

These, it added, are "oppression

and discrimination, hunger, despair, case, ignorance, misery and despair.

"This calls for bold, imaginative and generous measures — measures that break radically with traditional policies governing the relations between the strong and the weak, the rich and the poor, between the technically advanced and technically backward peoples," the group said.

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